

HINTS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER June 2022

Editor's notes (Peter Edwards)

Please remember that the deadline for inclusion of items in the Newsletter is the 25th of each month. I need to print 40 copies of the newsletter. If you are willing to receive it by e-mail, send me an e-mail saying so. So far, I've had 94 "e-mailers" (the number is slowly increasing!). Please help by saving postage and printing costs (and my time in delivering them, takes about 2 -3 hours or so).

Hints Garden Guild (Maureen Casson)

Always held on the second Thursday each month for many, many years but I feel that we are all pleased we are once again up and running after the long and extended break as the Covid virus spread itself around but thankfully we are again confidently meeting together at the start of this 'new' year after the Annual General Meeting and I feel rather sad that no one volunteered as Speakers Secretary but for the present our committee have filled the gap with a selection of speakers and activities booked through to the next AGM in 2023 but for our latest meeting on Thursday 12th May this year and at the earlier time of 7pm and with thanks to Val our Deputy Chairperson we were once again out and about locally with our visit to Brookside. An interesting evening visit where we learned about the journey of plug plants and how Royal Mail collected the parcels of plants for a speedy delivery of orders to clients. We also had the chance to look around at plants that were for sale and enjoyed tea, coffee and scones giving us time to chat and enjoy swapping garden stories. Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th June and grateful thanks to Pam for arranging a visit to the garden of one of our members, it is always interesting to enjoy these visits and I promise we are not looking for those weeds that suddenly appear from nowhere, we all have them and for me they are growing faster than the plants I treasure and long to see flowering. A message for all our members – How's your Spud in a Tub doing? – looking forward to swapping our stories soon.

Hints Walking Club (Deb Whittaker)

Dates are Friday the 10th and 24th

Walks start at 10.00. Refreshments served in VH on return.

For more information contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com.

Footpaths (Deb Whittaker)

This is a request for your help. Please have a look at the proposed phase1 (East of Hints) of closures of footpaths around Hints during the construction period of HS2. They have committed to reintroducing some of the paths which is great news. **BUT** It appears there have been no efforts to have any temporary pathways during the 5/6 year construction period. I am meeting up with the project manager for the Hints construction on Monday 30 May and would love to take forward some of your thoughts, comments or proposals about how this affects you. Please send your emails to me to take forward. I will be taking proposals/suggestions for temporary paths. Sorry for the short notice.

Wagon Wheels Line Dancing (Daphne Neill)

Tuesday mornings, contact neilldaphne@yahoo.com.

Art Classes (Gill Smith)

Thursday mornings, contact Gill Smith (see back page – note new phone number)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parishioners 2022

These meetings took place in church on Wednesday 18 May at 19.30. Lloyd Ansermoz was re-elected as churchwarden, and Jane Boyle, Simon Clarke, Sue Petford, Nicky Smith and Val Edwards remain as PCC representatives. It is with sadness that we learned that Jeannette White has resigned after being Treasurer for many years: we are all very grateful for her hard and impeccable work as treasurer, which is a necessary and onerous job. Thankfully, Jane Boyle has taken on the rôle. Financially, St Bartholomew's is having a hand-to-mouth existence but we live in hope that this will improve in the future!

Pilates with Jules (Deb Whittaker)

Class will be on Tuesdays, start 6.15 in the Village Hall. Booking is essential contact debjmwhittaker@gmail.com

St Bartholomew's Church (Lloyd Ansermoz)

CHURCHYARD APPEAL.

Unfortunately, after 4 years of having the convenience of a charitable donation from a local business to keep our Churchyard maintained we have been given immediate notice that this has now ended. Our basic cost to keep the churchyard mowed and tidy is around £200 per month, and we have had a quote for the trees along the pathway to be pared back, (which normally happens every May) at £400. So, apologies, but we need your help again. We do have a small local gardening business who have offered their services to carry out a monthly maintenance service at £200 per month and there have already been 2 very kind donations to cover this in May and June, which means: July to November at £200 + the trees paring back brings the total for this year at £1,400, and then we start again end of March next spring.

Can you please help towards these costs? Every pound helps and can be given by a direct debit, as a one-off payment or whichever way is convenient. Please let us know if you can help by letting me know in confidence. You can call or text me on 07900 606070 or email to lloyd@lloydansermoz.com, or direct to our Church bank account: **St. Bartholomew's Church, Hints, Lloyds bank, Tamworth, Sort code: 30-98-44, Account Number: 01234268**

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL ONLY GO TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCHYARD.

Our services this month are June 5th for Evening Prayer at 6.30 pm and the 19th of June for a Parish Eucharist at 10:00 am - as always, all will be made very welcome.

We continue in our prayers for the people and the country of Ukraine and still have our appeal in place and giving will be greatly appreciated. For those who may not be able to make our services please see a further prayer for you to consider.

Thank You Lord for the many graces and blessings you have placed in my life. I offer You my heart-felt gratitude for Your countless gifts to me each day, in turn, dear Lord, help me to be aware of the needs of my least sisters and brothers, and to respond to those who are less fortunate with generous expressions of my own charity, kindness and caring. On that day Lord, when I finally stand before You to give an account of my life, I pray I will hear you say, "Come O good and faithful servant to share your Father's joy, for when you saw others in need you offered your gifts in charity and you lovingly did this in your own grace and favour - Amen".

Parish Council (Geoff Kynaston)

HS2 are having a drop-in session at Hints Village Hall on Monday 20th June between 5.30 and 7.30pm! They are about to start the haul road so there may be some disruption. They will be starting the deep cutting past Hints. Go along and have your say! They are also about to do a plant crossing in Bangley Lane in preparation for the haul road. The painted "slow" signs in School Lane are apparently being financed from HS2 funds so it may be some time before highways and HS2 get together to coordinate the procedure. There is another Lichfield District consultation on Street Trading. Log on to licensing@lichfielddc.gov.uk to make a comment. Closing date 24th June. London Road Canwell was closed on Tuesday for extensive pothole repairs. However, the big hole dug in the road by Lamb Farm, about three weeks ago, is still open with traffic lights controlling traffic, well most of the time. Apparently when the batteries get flat, both lights stay on red! Trying to establish who is responsible for abandoning the job half way through! Audited Parish accounts will be available for inspection from 5th June. See web site for details. Next Parish Council meeting on 12th July at 7.30pm in Hints Village Hall.

Church Flowers & Cleaning (Val Edwards)

Services in June will be on Sunday 5 at 18.30 (evening prayer with Revd Canon Stephen Mayes) and Sunday 19 **at 10.00** (eucharist with Revd Simon Foster). If anyone would like to do two small flower arrangements for the altar vases, that would be most appreciated, as would assistance with vacuuming and dusting in the church for each service. If you can help, please let me know by contacting me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 01543 480088.

Art for St Bart's (Val Edwards)

We are due to meet in June on Monday 6th and 20th from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available - bring your own mug, if you want - £5 per session (£3 for St Bartholomew's church and £2 for the Pathway Project in Lichfield). New people are always welcome. For further information please contact me on val.weardrive@btinternet.com or on 01543 480088.

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St Bartholomew's Church Services
June 2022

Sun 5 June	18:30 Evening Prayer Acts 2: 1-22 Romans 8: 14-17 John 11: 5-17 (25-27_	Rev Canon Stephen Mayes
Sun 19 June	10:00 Parish Eucharist 1 Kings 19: 1-4)6-7) n8=14a Galatians 3: 23-end Luke 8: 26-33	Rev Simon Foster

The Church is open every day for private prayer